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SUBJECT: RHODESIA AND IMMEDIATE MAJORITY RULE

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1. AS WE ALL KNOW, WORDS CAN BE USED EITHER TO AVOID MIS-
UNDERSTANDINGS OR TO COMPOUND MISUNDERSTANDINGS. IN THE CASE
OF THE FRELIIMO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PORTUGUESE, WHICH LED
TO THE LUSAKA ACCORD, FRELIIMO HAD DEMANZND AS ONE OF ITS
THREE PRECONDITIONS FOR A CEASE-FIRE THAT PORTUGAL RECOGNIZE
MOZAMBIQUE'S "RIGHT TO IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE". IN THE FINAL
DISCUSSIONS OVER THE LUSAKA ACCORD, THE PHRASE WAS CHANGED
TO "IMMEDIATE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE". A TIME TABLE WAS THEN
WORKED OUT. IN THIS WAY BOTH SIDES WERE ABLE TO BACK DOWN
WITHOUT LOSING FACE.

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2. IT MAY BE THAT THERE COULD BE A USEFUL PARALLEL WITH

THE ZIMBABWEAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS' REPORTED DEMAND FOR
"IMMEDIATE MAJORITY RULE", E.G. "IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION OF
THE PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE".
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